

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 19 through page 2, line 2 with the following paragraph:

Memories are imperfect. Thus, we often write down things we want to remember at a later date. This may be a grocery list, a "to do" list, a speech, study notes, or other information we do not want to forget. For example, a student may take a series of blank index cards and turn them into "flash cards" by writing information on one (or both) sides of each card in preparing for an examination. An individual giving a speech may record notes for that speech on a series of index cards which can be stacked and easily transported or even pocketed. Post-it® brand notes available from 3M [[Corporation]] Company have also proved quite useful for noting information to be recalled at a later date. A Post-it® brand note is a sheet of paper bearing a band of repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive across a back side thereof. A Post-it® brand note can be mounted on any number of surfaces, such as, for example, another sheet of paper, a wall, a mirror, a computer monitor, a refrigerator door, etc. [[Post-It®]] Post-it® brand notes are traditionally distributed in pad form, with adjacent notes adhered to one another by the repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive thereon. The notes stick together whenever placed adjacent one another, and thus are not easily shuffled or rearrangeable in stacked form without peel separation of the adhesive therebetween.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 13-21 with the following paragraph:

An article which may be selectively secured to a mounting surface includes at least a first substrate having a writeable surface on one side thereof and a mounting surface on a second opposite side thereof. The article also includes a securing mechanism including a pressure threshold adhesive mechanism which includes pressure sensitive adhesive exposed on the [[mounting]] second side of the first substrate. In the absence of a threshold level of pressure applied to the securing mechanism, the pressure sensitive adhesive is spaced from the mounting substrate. The article is deformable such that a threshold level of pressure applied to the securing mechanism brings the pressure sensitive adhesive into article securing engagement with the mounting substrate.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 17 through page 10, line 5 with the following paragraph:

A layer of pressure sensitive adhesive 657 (like the adhesives disclosed above) is disposed in the recess 627. However, an exposed surface 659 of the adhesive 657 is spaced from the back side 624 of the base layer 621 so that the adhesive 657 does not engage a surface which is merely in abutting engagement with the back side of 624. The index card 620 is caused to be adhered to a substrate 670 having a mounting surface 672 (FIG. 17) by the application of a threshold level of pressure against the front side 622 of the base layer 621, opposite the adhesive 657. The embossed area 625 of the base layer 621 stretches slightly under this pressure, illustrated as pressure P in FIG. 17, to bring the exposed face 659 of the adhesive 657 into abutting engagement and adherence with the mounting surface 672. The base layer 621 is flexible enough to allow such stretching and maintain the shape illustrated in FIG. 17 so that the index card 620 remains adhered to the substrate 670 (e.g., a wall, countertop, paper sheet, etc.). The embossed area 625 thus acts as a "pushbutton" for activating adherence of the index card 620 to the substrate 670. The embossed area 625 can be formed so that once the index card 620 is peeled away from the substrate 670, the embossed area 625 returns to its original recessed position (FIG. 16) or remains pushed out toward the back side 624 of the base layer 621. In this latter instance, a user can then "pop" or "snap" the embossed area 625 back to its original recessed position (FIG. 16) like an on/off switch. The index card 620, although differing in some construction elements from the other embodiments disclosed herein, has the same functional attributes. For example, it can be [[stocked]] stacked and shuffled free without unintended adherence to other cards or surfaces.